

Join the Dayton Oaks & West Friendship Elementary School Jazz Band!!



Who can join the Jazz Band?

- ♪ 5th graders and some 4th graders who have been playing one of the following instruments at least one year:
 - Flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, guitar, piano, bass or percussion
 - We especially need trumpets, trombones, percussion, and saxophones!
- ♪ All instruments other than piano, guitar and bass must be a current member of the DOES Band

When and where does Jazz Band practice?

- ♪ Every **Thursday from 4:10PM–5:10PM** beginning on November 6th
- ♪ Practice will be held in the **Dayton Oaks ES Band Room**
- ♪ Students must be **picked up promptly at 5:10PM** (If the drop off/pick up time is a problem and you cannot find a carpool, please let me know.)
- ♪ Please plan to attend all rehearsals. Participation in the group may be re-evaluated for those students who are frequently late or miss more than three practices

Do I need to audition?

- ♪ 5th grade students who have already played in band for one year can automatically join the Jazz Band
- ♪ 4th grade band students and beginning 5th grade band students will need to audition
 - Play a piece of your choice and prepare a Bb concert scale. Students may also be asked to sight read some music
- ♪ All bass, piano and guitar players –
 - Must audition, should have at least one year of private lessons, and be currently receiving additional instruction
 - Auditions for bass, piano and guitar players:
 - **Thursday, October 29th from 3:30PM - 4:30PM** in the Dayton Oaks ES Band Room
 - Play a piece of your choice and prepare a Bb and Eb scale. Students may also be asked to sight read some music
 - All students staying after school for auditions will need a note for their teacher and need to be **promptly picked up by 4:30 PM**
- ♪ Auditions for drum set parts will be held only if the number of students applying exceeds the available parts (Although it is not required, it is **highly encouraged** that any percussionist who would like to play drum set in the jazz band receives additional instruction from a specialist and/or purchases Vic Firth's "Groove Essentials" by Tommy Igoe)

What Do I Need To Purchase for Jazz Band?

- ♪ All Jazz Band students should purchase:
 - "First Year Charts Collection for Jazz Ensemble" published by Belwin Jazz (A division of Alfred Publishing) – DO NOT PURCHASE UNTIL MS. BEJM CONFIRMS WITH YOU THROUGH EMAIL WHAT PART YOU WILL BE PLAYING
 - "Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble" by Mike Steinell (Hal Leonard Publishing Corp.) - DO NOT PURCHASE UNTIL MS. BEJM CONFIRMS WITH YOU THROUGH EMAIL WHAT PART YOU WILL BE PLAYING

Jazz Band Permission Slip
My Child is Interested in Joining the Jazz Band!

Name of Student: _____

School: Dayton Oaks ES West Friendship ES

Grade: 5th 4th

Homeroom: _____

Instrument: _____

Email address and home phone number (if not already a band member):

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you receiving private instruction on your instrument? YES NO

If yes, please list your private teacher's name and phone number:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Please return the completed form by no later than Tuesday, October 6th

Questions may be directed to Ms. Bejm at abejm@hcpss.org or home phone 301-661-6654.